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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 16 October 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Afghanistan (S/1998/913)

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	39th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. World Solar Programme 1996-2005: draft resolution (A/53/L.8) [158].

2. Election of judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [166]:

   (a) Letter from the President of the Security Council (A/52/1023);

   (b) Memorandum by the Secretary-General, including the list of candidates (A/53/351);

   (c) Curricula Vitae (A/53/352).

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — 7th meeting — Conference Room 4

Continuation of general debate:

Viet Nam
United Kingdom (President of the Conference on Disarmament)
Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Cuba
Venezuela
Croatia
Belarus
Mauritius
Benin

3 p.m.-6 p.m. — 8th meeting — Conference Room 4

Continuation of general debate:

Niger
Ecuador
Burkina Faso
Myanmar (on behalf of Association of Southeast Asian Nations)
Uganda
Kuwait
Botswana
Ghana
Democratic Republic of the Congo
Nigeria

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/53/INF.1)]

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — 15th meeting — Conference Room 2

1. Macroeconomic policy questions [91]

   (b) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.4

   (c) Commodities

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.5

   (d) External debt crisis and development

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.2

2. Operational activities [95] (A/53/226, A/53/226/Add.1-4, A/53/186, A/53/154, A/53/363, A/53/85)

   Conclusion of general discussion

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — 15th meeting — Conference Room 1

1. Crime prevention and criminal justice [101]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/53/L.8 and L.9

2. International drug control [102]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.7

3. Advancement of women [103] (A/53/38/Rev.1, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/87, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/167, A/53/203, A/53/318, A/53/354, A/53/363, A/53/376, A/53/409 and A/53/447*)

   Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [104] (A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/87, A/53/95-S/1998/311 and A/53/308)

   Continuation of general discussion

4. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [100]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.6

5. Crime prevention and criminal justice [101]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/53/L.2, L.3 and L.4

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* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3

Conclusion of informal consultations on agenda item 143 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: (a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Support Account (A/52/837 and Corr.1, A/52/892 and A/53/418))

10.30 a.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [118] (A/C.5/53/23 and A/C.5/53/24)

2. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [143]

   (a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

   Support Account for Peacekeeping Operations

   *Consideration and action on draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.9**

Morning**-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 114 (Programme planning (A/53/6 (Prog.1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13/Rev.1, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 23 and Corr.1 and Corr.2 (French only), 24 and Corr.1, 26, 27 and 28), A/53/16, A/53/90, A/53/122 and Add.1, A/53/133 and Corr.1 (Spanish only) and A/53/134))

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* To be issued.

** Following the adjournment of the 9th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	5th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [154] (A/53/33, A/53/312, A/53/326, A/53/386)

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE AND THIRD COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

In observance of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, the Chairmen of the Second Committee and the Third Committee will co-preside over a panel discussion on the theme "Poverty, Human Rights and Development", chosen by the General Assembly, which will be held *today*, 16 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The panellists will be Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Bacre Ndiaye, Director, New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Ms. Diana Skelton, ATD Fourth World International Movement, and Mr. Douglas Hellinger, Executive Director, The Development Gap. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 16 October 1998

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(item 92 (b): final reading of the draft resolution on industrial development cooperation; item 95: final reading of the draft resolution on operational activities for development)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

AFRICAN GROUP:

GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(item 104 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women))

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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Informal briefings

An informal briefing by the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) on the follow-up to the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) will be held *today*, 16 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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An informal briefing by the International Labour Organization Liaison Office with the United Nations, co-sponsored by the Division for the Advancement of Women, on the new ILO international Programme (More and Better Jobs for Women) will be held *today*, 16 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Ms. Lin Lim, manager of the new Programme and editor of the recent ILO report entitled "The Sex Sector: The Economic and Social Bases of Prostitution in Southeast Asia", will be the main speaker. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. Additional information on the new Programme and the ILO report are available on Internet at the following addresses:

www.ilo.org/public/english/60empfor/women/index.htm
www.ilo.org/public/english/235press/pr/1998/31.htm
www.ilo.org/public/french/235press/pr/1998/31.htm
www.ilo.org/public/spanish/235press/pr/1998/31.htm

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There will be a briefing, organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, on displacement in Colombia, *today*, 16 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room B. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

A meeting of possible co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Small Arms", organized by the delegation of Japan, will be held *today*, 16 October 1998, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 2 October 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 19 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 4

Continuation of general debate:

Uruguay
Namibia
Holy See
Sri Lanka
Singapore
Tunisia
Republic of Moldova
Kyrgyzstan
Peru
International Committee of the Red Cross
Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	16th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	17th meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	16th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	17th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 3
Afternoon*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 10th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	6th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

The Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, Ms. Sandru (Romania), will hold informal consultations on a draft proposal on the implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women, (agenda item 104) on Monday and Tuesday, 19 and 20 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 20 October 1998, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 9.

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-third session of the Commission (March 1999). The topics of the panels will be: (1) women and health; and (2) institutional mechanisms for the advancement of women. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae, indicating the specific panel for which they are being proposed, to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216), *no later than* Tuesday, 20 October 1998.

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United Nations Children's Fund

The Executive Board of UNICEF will hold an informal meeting on resource mobilization on Monday, 19 October 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the
Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Third Committee *(on item 108 (Elimination of racism and racial discrimination))* on Monday and Tuesday, 19 and 20 October 1998, at 1.30 p.m. in Conference Rooms 7 and 9, respectively.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Fourth Committee *(on information)* on Tuesday, 20 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Tuesday, 20 October 1998, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Informal meetings

There will be an informal meeting, organized by the delegation of Canada, on Monday, 19 October 1998, at 5 p.m. in Conference Room B, to welcome the offer of the Government of Mozambique to host the first meeting of the States parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction in Maputo (May 1999) and to open the co-sponsorship of the First Committee draft resolution on the Convention (agenda item 71 (d)). All representatives of States that have ratified the Convention, States signatories and other interested delegations are invited to attend.

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There will be an informal meeting, organized by the delegation of Brazil, for an exchange of views regarding the First Committee draft resolution on the nuclear-weapon-free southern hemisphere and adjacent areas (agenda item 71 (o)) on Tuesday, 20 October 1998, at 5 p.m. in Conference Room B. All interested delegations and co-sponsors are invited to attend.

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There will be an informal meeting, organized by the International NGO Committee on Human Rights, on the theme "The United Nations Human Rights Mechanisms: An Update" on Wednesday, 21 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C. Mr. Ross Hynes, Minister Counselor, Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations, and Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye, Director, New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, will be among the panellists. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal briefings

An informal briefing by the Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (OSCAL/DESA) on the Secretary-General's progress report on the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s (UN-NADAF) (A/53/390* and Add.1*) will be held on Tuesday, 20 October 1998, from 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room A. Members of permanent missions and representatives of interested organizations are invited to attend.

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* To be issued.

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There will be an informal meeting and exchange of views, organized by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), on the theme "The New Architecture for an International Monetary System - the IMF Perspective", on Thusday, 22 October 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Mr. J. B. Zulu, IMF Special Representative to the United Nations and Director of the New York IMF Office, will make a presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal presentation

There will be an informal presentation, organized by the World Bank, on "Memory and Vision: Cultural Identity in a Changing World" on Wednesday, 21 October 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Mr. Ismail Serageldin, Vice-President for Special Programs of the World Bank, will make the presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 15 October 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

3935th meeting

The situation in Central African Republic

Second report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic (S/1998/783 and Add.1)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of the Central African Republic, at her request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1998/948, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1998/948).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1998/948) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1201 (1998).

3936th meeting

The situation in Angola

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola (S/1998/931)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Angola, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1998/952, which had been submitted by Portugal, the Russian Federation and the United States of America.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a statement by the Vice-Minister for Territorial Administration of Angola.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1998/952).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1998/952) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1202 (1998).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

38th plenary meeting

World Solar Programme 1996-2005: draft resolution (A/53/L.8) [158]

The representative of Zimbabwe made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.8.

Statements were made by the representatives of India, Malaysia, Senegal, Jamaica and Cyprus.

Observer status for the Association of Caribbean States in the General Assembly: draft resolution (A/53/L.3) [159]

The representative of Guatemala made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.3.

Statements were made by the representatives of India, Italy, Colombia, Guyana and Cuba.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.3 (resolution 53/5).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 159.

Observer status for the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development in the General Assembly: draft resolution (A/53/L.4) [162]

The representative of Poland made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.4.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.4 (resolution 53/6).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 162.

Programme of work

The President informed the General Assembly that agenda item 23 (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community) originally scheduled for Wednesday, 22 October 1998, would be considered on Thursday, 29 October 1998.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 6th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Canada, Turkey, Norway, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Belarus (Chairman of the Disarmament Commission), New Zealand, Brunei Darussalam, Argentina, Uzbekistan and Cameroon, as well as by the Executive Secretary of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization.

In the exercise of their right of reply, statements were made by the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Pakistan.

SECOND COMMITTEE 13th meeting

Operational activities for development [95]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated country, Cyprus, as well as the EFTA country member of the EEA, Iceland, which aligned themselves with this statement), Brazil, the United States, Bangladesh, Norway, Nepal, Australia (on behalf of Canada, New Zealand and Australia), Burkina Faso, the Russian Federation, the Marshall Islands, Myanmar, Pakistan, Ethiopia, China, Turkey, the Republic of Korea, and Ghana.

The observer for Switzerland made a statement.

The Associate Administrator of UNDP made a statement.

14th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 95.

Statements were made by the representatives of India, Japan, Algeria, Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community) and Ukraine.

The representatives of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS made statements.

Panel discussion

The Committee held a panel discussion on "Building national capacities: some lessons".

The panellists, Mr. Roger Maconick, Coordinator of Impact Evaluation of the Development Cooperation Policy Branch of DESA, Mr. Peter Morgan, Senior Consultant on Capacity-Building, Mr. Eduardo Wiesner, former Minister of Finance of Colombia and former Executive Director of IBRD, Mr. Rajaona Andriamananjara, Director of IMATEP, Madagascar, made presentations and responded to questions raised by the representatives of the Republic of Korea, the Czech Republic, Norway, Austria, Switzerland, Japan, Venezuela, Ireland, Yemen and the United States.

The Chief, Development and Cooperation Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, made a statement and also responded to questions raised.

THIRD COMMITTEE 13th meeting

Advancement of women [103]

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [104]

The Committee continued its consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of New Zealand, Lebanon, Algeria, Panama (on behalf of the Rio Group), Uganda, Ecuador, Cuba, Ukraine, Argentina, Slovakia, Yemen, Côte d'Ivoire, the United Republic of Tanzania and El Salvador.

Statements were made by the representatives of the World Food Programme and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

The representative of the International Organization for Migration also made a statement.

14th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda items 103 and 104 and heard statements by the representatives of Afghanistan, Senegal, Kuwait, Brazil, France, Guatemala, Turkey, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, the Syrian Arab Republic, Mongolia and the United States.

The representative of the United Nations Children's Fund made a statement.

The representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross also made a statement.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 8th meeting

Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara [125]

Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan [136]

Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force [140]

The Committee began its consideration of these agenda items.

The Controller introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/52/730/Add.2 and Add.3 and Add.3/Corr.1 (French only) and Add 3/Corr.2, A/52/772/Add.2 and A/53/437). [The related reports of the Advisory Committee were contained in documents A/53/474 (agenda items 125 and 136) and A/53/481 (agenda item 140).]

The representative of Morocco made a statement.

The Controller replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on these agenda items.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on these agenda items would begin on Monday, 19 October, in the morning, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Gabrielle Duschner (Canada) for MINURSO (agenda item 125), Mr. Lovemore Mazemo (Zimbabwe) for UNPREDEP (agenda item 140) and the Chairman of the Committee for UNMOT (agenda item 140).

Programme planning [114]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Philippines (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations), the Russian Federation, Egypt, Mexico and the Republic of Korea.

The Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, Mr. Bagher Asadi (Islamic Republic of Iran), made a concluding statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would begin on Friday, 16 October, following the adjournment of the 9th meeting of the Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. Nester Odaga-Jalomayo (Uganda).

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

Human resources management [119]

The Committee resumed its consideration of these agenda items.

Gratis personnel provided by governments and other entities

The representative of the Bahamas, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and Coordinator of informal consultations, introduced and orally corrected draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.8.

The Director of the Operational Services Division of the Office of Human Resources Management made a statement.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution as orally corrected.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of the question under these agenda items.

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United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Forty-fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 15 OCTOBER 1998

SESSIONAL COMMITTEE I 1st meeting

Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s [5]

(a) *Trade and investment in LDCs: opportunities and constraints in the multilateral trading*

(b) *Contribution of the Board to the consideration by the General Assembly, at its fifty-third session, of the date, duration and venue of the Third United Nations Conference on LDCs and its preparatory process*

The Committee elected Mr. Abdul Mannan (Bangladesh) as its Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur.

The Chairman, H.E. Mr. Pekka Huhtaniemi (Finland), made an opening statements.

The Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD addressed the Committee.

Statements were made by the following representatives: Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77), Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Bangladesh (on behalf of the Least Developed Countries), Zambia (on behalf of the African Group), India (on behalf of the Asian Group), Ethiopia, Haiti (on behalf of the Latin American and the Caribbean Group), Madagascar, Norway, the Sudan, Egypt, Yemen, Poland and Switzerland.

2nd meeting

The Sessional Committee continued the general debate on agenda item 5 and heard statements by the representative of China and the representative of the European Commission, as well as by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania, Uganda, South Africa, Japan, the United States, the Republic of Korea and Cuba.

The Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD responded to questions raised at the 1st meeting.

The Committee thus concluded its general debate on item 5.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization, relating to the institutionalization of the Facilitation Committee in the Convention. 7 November 1991

Acceptance: United States of America (14 October 1998)*

Amendments to articles 16, 17 and 19 (b) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization. 4 November 1993

Acceptance: United States of America (14 October 1998)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade. Rotterdam, 10 September 1998

Signature: Angola (11 September 1998)
Signature: Argentina (11 September 1998)
Signature: Armenia (11 September 1998)
Signature: Austria (11 September 1998)
Signature: Barbados (11 September 1998)
Signature: Belgium (11 September 1998)
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Signature: United Republic of Tanzania (11 September 1998)

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Signature: Uruguay (11 September 1998)
Signature: European Community (11 September 1998)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

The Drew University Choir and an artistic presentation by children of the Tapori Movement will mark the commemoration of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty on the theme "Standing Up for Human Rights in Partnership with the Poorest". This ceremony, co-sponsored by the Department for Social and Economic Affairs/Division for Social Policy and Development, and in collaboration with the International Movement ATD Fourth World, a non-governmental organization, will be held *today*, 16 October 1998, from 12.45 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. in the United Nations gardens. Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, and Mrs. Faith Innerarity, Vice-Chairman of the Commission for Social Development, will participate in the ceremony. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Award ceremony

On the occasion of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, an awards ceremony, organized by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Mr. James Gustave Speth, will be held *today*, 16 October 1998, at 7.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council. UNDP Goodwill Ambassador, Mr. Danny Glover, will be the Master of Ceremonies.

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Exhibition

On the occasion of the commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action (BAPA) for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC), an exhibition on South-South Cooperation and Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, organized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), is being held in the first basement of the Secretariat building until *today*, 16 October 1998.

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Information Fair

The Annual Inter-Agency Information Fair, organized by the Department of Public Information, will be held in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building from 20 to 23 October 1998. The event brings together nearly 30 specialized agencies, programmes and departments of the United Nations system, each with representatives on hand to answer questions and distribute brochures, posters and other information materials.

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